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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme is being implemented for increase in the production of fodder in Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any appraisal of the success of this scheme in these States;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the other measures being taken by the Central and State Governments for increasing the production of fodder in the States especially in the areas deficient in fodder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Central Government implements a scheme `Central Fodder Development Organisation` for the development of feed and fodder in the States. Regional Station for Forage Production and Demonstrations located in Jammu and Gandhinagar (Gujarat), take care of the Feed and Fodder Programme in the States of J&K and Maharashtra respectively.These stations are engaged in multiplication of good quality seeds of newly evolved fodder varieties. They also organize training programmes, field days/farmers fair and conduct fodder demonstrations at the farmer`s field showing latest know-how on fodder production adopting new varieties evolved by Universities/ICAR Institutions. Besides, there is also a `Central Minikit Testing Programme on Fodder Crops`, under which fodder minikits are provided to the State Governments for onward supply to the farmers free of cost in both the season i.e. Kharif and Rabi.

(c)&(d): The monitoring of the progress is being continuously done by the Government of India.

(e): A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Enhancement of Feed and Fodder Production including Improvement of Common Property Resources` has been proposed for 10th Five Year Plan for implementation in the country as a whole. The EFC memo of the Scheme is under formulation.